

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures and little precipitation were observed throughout the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The high temperature for the state was recorded in Loma at 83 degrees. The low temperature for the week was recorded in West Yellowstone at 7 degrees. Precipitation was only reported at 6 weather stations. The highest recorded precipitation for the week was in Divide with 0.70 inches of moisture. Topsoil moisture conditions for the state were 60 percent adequate to surplus, above last year's 52 percent. Subsoil moisture conditions were 52 percent adequate to surplus which is above last year's 32 percent. Reporters noted harvest had started to progress again after weather conditions allowed for very little harvest over the last month. Potato harvest was 79 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 91 percent. Corn for grain harvest was 37 percent complete, which falls behind both the previous year and 5-year average. Winter wheat seeded was 86 percent complete, slightly behind last year's progress of 90 percent. Livestock movement from summer pasture is behind the previous year and 5-year average with 55 percent of cattle and 45 percent of sheep moved.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	37	25	43	41
Harvested for silage	97	92	98	97
Dry edible beans				
Harvested	96	94	NA	NA
Flaxseed				
Harvested	92	85	NA	NA
Potatoes				
Harvested	79	62	91	75
Safflower				
Harvested	70	60	69	72
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	60	42	61	58
Winter wheat				
Planted	86	74	90	92
Emerged	59	53	64	72
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	55	41	65	65
Receiving supplemental feed	25	25	25	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	45	29	75	78
Receiving supplemental feed	25	24	20	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work.....	6.5	4.1	6.1	6.0
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	18	10
Short.....	33	32	30	23
Adequate.....	59	58	47	59
Surplus.....	1	4	5	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	15	32	13
Short.....	38	37	36	25
Adequate.....	52	47	31	56
Surplus.....	--	1	1	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	6	2
Poor.....	7	9	15	6
Fair.....	22	26	39	35
Good.....	52	43	33	43
Excellent.....	19	21	7	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	10	38	14
Poor.....	15	18	26	19
Fair.....	33	38	21	34
Good.....	39	30	13	28
Excellent.....	6	4	2	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	2	2	NA
Poor.....	2	3	11	NA
Fair.....	9	12	45	NA
Good.....	59	52	36	NA
Excellent.....	30	31	6	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	7	1
Poor.....	3	NA	8	4
Fair.....	12	NA	52	35
Good.....	69	NA	27	44
Excellent.....	16	NA	6	16

NA – not available

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Montana's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/MT-Weather-10212018.pdf

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